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In re Application of

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING SAID RUBBER COMPOSITION  
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**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

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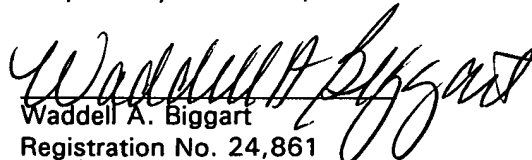
Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. Sho-62-283001 is disclosed on page 1 of the above-identified application.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. Hei-7-258469 is disclosed on page 2 of the above-identified application.

Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. Sho-50-29741 and Sho-51-20208 are disclosed on page 3 of the above-identified application.

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